(b) whether it is a fact that guards of Shahdol were punished for not taking/keeping clamps as an equipment when they were not given clamps at any stage and that there no chains, lock and key; and

(c) if so, the reasons for awarding such punishment?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) 45 guards of Shahdol of Bilaspur Division had accepted the supplies of clamps including chain, lock and key till March, 1993 as a safety equipment to be used on goods trains.

(b)) and (c) At no stage was there any shortage of the safety equipment of clamps for supply to the guards of Shahdol. A number of guards refused to accept the supplies. 7 guards were taken up under Disciplinary and Appeal Rules for not fixing Last Vehicle Indicator on the goods trains, which ensures safety in train operations.

Shortage of Wagons for carrying Timbers

5747. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several lakh c. m. of sawn timbers are lying at Murkongselek Railway Station (NEF RLY) which were booked many months back for want of wagons;

(b) whether Government had received any communication from the Station Master of Murkongselek Railway Station regarding wagon order; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to clear the backlog and to earn heavy revenue thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Wagon demand pending at Stations are communicated by the Station Masters on a day to day basis. During 1993-94, a total of 2107 wagons for sawn timber were loaded and demand for 222 wagons were withdrawn. The pending demand at the end of March, 1994 was nil. During April '94 (up to 21st) 272 wagons have been loaded.

Announcement of arrival of trains

5748. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of trains which arrived at Shahdol Station on Bilaspur Division on 13th February, 1993 and 14th February, 1993;

(b) whether all these arrivals were announced at the station; and

(c) if not, what action is being taken against the officials concerned ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) A statement is attached. (*See* below).

(b) and (c) On 13-2-93 & 14-2-93 announcements regarding arrival of trains at Shahdol station were made as usual.

Statement

I. *Details of trains which arrived Shahdol station on* 13-2-93:

Train No. & Name	Actual time of arrival
1. 8236 Up Bilaspur—Bhopal Express-eum-Passenger	1.35 Hrs.
2. 4260 Dn. Varanasi—Durg Sarnath Express	1.45 Hrs.
3. 8235 Dn. Bhopal—Bilaspur Express-eum-Passenger	2.35 Hrs.

Train No. & Name	Actual time of arrival
4. 2854 Dn. Bhopal-Durg Ecpress	3.25 Hrs.
5. 4259 Up Durg-Varanasi Sanath Express	5.05 Hrs.
6. 407 Up Chirimiri-Katni Passenger	7.40 Hrs.
7. 8478 Dn. Nizamuddin—Puri Kalinga-Utkal Express	8.10 Hrs.
8. 8233 Dn. Indor—Bilpspur Narmada Express-cum-Passenger	15.45 Hrs.
9. 8477 Up Puri-Nizamuddin Kalinga-Utkal Express	19.00 Hrs.
10. 408 Dn. Katni-Chirimiri Passenger	21.32 Hrs.
11. 2853 Up Durg-Bhopal Express	22.20 Hrs
II. *Details of trains which arrived Shahdol station on* 14-2-93:	
1. 8301 Up Sambalpur-Nizamuddin Hirakud Express	0.20 Hrs.
2. 8235 Dn. Bhopal-Bilaspur Express-cum-Passenger	1.40 Hrs.
3. 8302 Dn. Nizamuddin-Sambalpur Hirakund Express	2.25—rs.
4. 8236 Up Bilaspur-Bhopal Express-cum-Passenger	2.50 Hrs.
5. 4260 Dn. Varanasi-Durg Sarnath Express	3.10 Hrs.
6. 4259 Up Durg-Varanasi Sarnath Express	5.25 Hrs.
7. 8478 Dn. Nizamuddin-Puri Kalinga-Utkal Express	8.25 Hrs.
8. 407 Up Chirimiri-Katni Passenger	8.40 Hrs.
9. 8234 Up Bilaspur—Indore Narmada Express-cum-Passenger	15.30 Hrs.
10. 8233 Dn. Indore-Bilaspur Narmada Express-cum-Passenger	16.00 Hrs.
11. 8477 Up Puri-Nizamuddin Kalinga—Utkal Express	18.22 Hrs.
12. 408 Dn. Katni-Chirimiri Passenger	20.05 Hr.

Loss suffered by Darjeeling Himalayan Railway

5749. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Darjeeling Himalayan Railway is running in loss; and

(b) if so, what was the losses incurred during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The losses incurred during the last three years excluding Dividend are :—

1990-91 . Rs. 50.31 lakhs

1991-92 . Rs. 86.65 lakhs

1992-93 . Rs. 79.73 lakhs.